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1. On 225 June 1954, the Panzer Kaserne (4001) in Bad Freienwalde was occupied to capacity. Tents which quartered personnel, motor vehicles and, presumably, tanks were still observed in the training area near Rathsdorf. On 16 June, 6 T-34 tanks passed through the town. They came from the direction of the barracks installations and went toward Falkenberg. On 21 June, about 30 new truck trailers were detrained at the Bad Freienwalde railroad station and were shuttled to the barracks installations by trucks.
2. On 2 July, the Panzer Kaserne was occupied by about 1,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery signal and motor transport insignia. On 10 June, 10 trucks towing 85-mm AT guns, 8 trucks carrying ammunition, dummies and personnel, 2 trucks towing field kitchens, 1 sedan and 1 jeep left the installation toward Eberswalde. The vehicles carried a total of about 400 soldiers. Training was conducted in mixed units, which were organized as follows: 1 half-track vehicle mounting a twin-barreled AA gun, 2 armored personnel carriers each occupied by about 25 soldiers, 2 trucks towing 57-mm AT guns, 13 sidecar motorcycles and an undetermined number of trucks with personnel. Four half-track vehicles and 4 BA-64 armored scout cars entered the Alt-Ranft training area for firing with live ammunition. The soldiers had been equipped with new small arms, including rifles similar to the former German rapid-fire rifles and submachine guns similar to the former German model-42 submachine guns. About 15 trucks daily engaged in driving school.

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June, an undetermined number of soldiers received instruction on about 4 x 85-mm AT guns, 3 x 76.2-mm field guns, and T-34/85 tanks.

The preliminary construction of the apartment house for officer families was almost completed.

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3. On 10 July, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne (4241) in Bormu was occupied by 1,800 to 2,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, tank and signal insignia, and a few soldiers wearing blue-bordered black epaulets. Between 7 and 18 June, training was unusually intensive. Up to 51 schools of 30 to 50 soldiers went to the training area. In addition, tanks

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were also seen there. On 4 July and on another day of observation, about 10 trucks with personnel, 1 radio truck, and 1 truck with field kitchen went to the Schoenow training area for field training at platoon level. SP gun [] and T-34/85 tank [] were seen at 2211. On 9 and 10 June, between 10 and 15 trucks [] went from Bernau toward the Schoenow training area. Some of the trucks carried personnel. On 9 June, 3 SP guns, presumably JSU-152, [] and numerous soldiers at field training were seen in the training area. On 14 June, T-34/85 tanks [] left the training area toward Schwanebeck while T-34 tanks []

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4. On 10 July, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne was partially occupied. On 14 June, 4 x 132-mm rocket launchers were seen in the barracks area. On 17 July, 2 T-34/85 tanks [] and T-34 tank [] left the installation for the training area. Trucks [] and 2 x 76.2-mm AT guns were seen in front of a garage. On 18 June, a column of 3 trucks, [] which towed 120-mm mortars, and 4 trucks towing 85-mm AT guns left the installation toward Wandlitz. On 7 July, 5 x 132-mm rocket launchers were seen ready for departure at the north gate. On 9 July, JS tank [] and 2 JSU-249 guns [] entered the installation. Motor vehicles [] were seen en route to and from the installation.
5. On 3 July, 20 tents were still located in Jagen No 52 in the Schoenow training area. Neither sentries nor other soldiers were observed at the tents. All was quiet in the entire training area on the Schoenow-Schoenwalde road.¹
6. On 14 July, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne was occupied to capacity. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. On 3 July, 8 to 10 trucks with pontoons were seen in an open wooden shed. Several soldiers were seen with the trucks. Two soldiers wore black-bordered black epaulets. Two 85-mm AT guns were observed near a motor vehicle shed.
7. On 10 July, former Army Clothing Depot I (4244) in Bernau was lightly occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. The remaining vehicles and 4 light AT guns left for the training area on 10 July. The column included 4 trucks with about 30 soldiers.
8. On 6 July, former Army Clothing Depot I was occupied by a guard detail of about 40 soldiers. There was no training.
9. On 10 July, former Army Clothing Depot I was occupied by a small guard detail. One shed was occupied by 20 to 25 trucks. The other sheds were vacant.
10. On 10 July, the former SS-Brieftaubenstation (homing pigeon station) in Bernau was occupied by about 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Up to 60 soldiers received artillery and infantry training. The 4 x 76-mm AA guns were still in their emplacements. Motor vehicles [] were seen en route to and from the installation.

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11. On 6 July, the former SS-Briditarhensstation was occupied by about 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epauletts with artilillery insignia. Four 37-mm AA guns were seen in the quartering area. An undetermined number of soldiers was repeatedly observed at aiming with 37-mm AA guns.

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12. On 8 July, the Schuetzen Kaserne (4312) in Eberswalde was occupied to capacity. On 4 July, a column of 2 radio trucks and 25 trucks

left the installation toward the town. On 5 July, a driving school trucks went toward Traupe. A double-width line was being constructed along the road to Traupe. Firing with rifles and machine guns was practiced at the firing range.

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14. On 10 July, the Schuetzen Kaserne was still occupied to capacity. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epauletts with tank insignia. On 20 June, 200 soldiers entered the installation. Firing with machine guns was held at the firing range of the installation. On 3 July, soldiers practiced driving with 2 motorcycles. Motor vehicles were seen entering and leaving the installation.

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15. On 8 July, it was determined that the occupation figure of Artillerie Kaserns (4311) in Eberswalde decreased by about 25 percent after the departure of the SP guns. On 25 June, the following vehicles and weapons left the installation toward Flinow:

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16. On 10 July, the cantonment on Breitscheidstrasse (4344) in Eberswalde was occupied by 240 to 300 soldiers. The installation was fully lit at dusk. Between 18 June and 10 July, an undetermined number of soldiers was repeatedly seen drilling, 50 soldiers were seen at march practice and 40 soldiers at fatigue duty. Between 12 and 14 July, no training other than physical training was observed. On 22 June, trucks entered the installation. 25X1
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17. On 4 July, the restricted area in the west section of the Wuhlgraben Heilanstalt (4221) in Berlin Biesdorf was occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Between 28 June and 4 July, no training was observed in the training area. There was no vehicular traffic.
18. On 30 June, ammunition boxes were hauled from the restricted area in the west section of the Wuhlgraben Heilanstalt to the Kaulsdorf freight station by trucks. The boxes were unloaded and stored by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. On 1 July, 22 flatcars and 8 to 10 boxcars were assembled at the Kaulsdorf freight station. All was quiet in the quartering area. On 30 June, the officers' billets south of Erichowweg were still occupied. On 1 July, 8 to 10 tanks left the quartering area toward Alt-Biesdorf. It was assumed that tanks and ammunition were entrained. 25X1
1. Comment. Between 25 June and early July, units of the 6th Gds Mech Div conducted exercises in the area west of Bernau. The elements stationed in Berlin-Kaulsdorf and Bernau presumably relieved each other. Tanks and motor vehicle observed confirm elements of the 68th Gds Tank Regt of the division from Berlin Kaulsdorf (4221) and, probably, elements of the 82d Gds Hq Tank Regt from Eberswalde participating in the exercise which, according to information in paragraph 5, terminated on 3 July. 25X1
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2. Comment. belongs to the army ammunition depot of the Fourth Gds Mech Army; belongs to the 111th Tank Regt of the 25th Tank Div in Camp Vogelsang (south of 4328); belongs to an unidentified unit in Kagan, Uzbek SSR, Turkistan MT; belongs to the Hq Fourth Gds Mech Army in Eberswalde; belongs presumably to the army newspaper of the Fourth Gds Mech Army; and belongs to an unidentified unit in Aleksandrovo, Primorski Krai, Chkalov Rayon, Maritime MD. 25X1
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3. Comment. The units of the 6th Gds Mech Div continued training in mixed combat units at the troop training grounds and the area west of Bernau. Elements were occasionally rotated between the Bernau, Baulitz-Kaulsdorf and Eberswalde posts. 25X1

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